

Why did Orwell use pigs in *Animal Farm*?

- pigs are fat; fat = greed: humans are greedy
- common farm animal (takes place on a farm)
- pigs are dirty = people doing sneaky stuff
- pigs are foul; defilement
- pigs aren't the strongest, but still have control; humans aren't strongest, but still have control.
- humans like pigs (bacon!)
- Stalin is a pig.
- pigs are genetically/anatomically close to humans
- size
- pigs are underestimated
- pigs are lazy; don't expect much from them

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George Orwell uses pigs in the novella, *Animal Farm*, in order to compare the laziness and gluttony of Stalin and other Russian leaders to that of pigs.

- represent how humans act greedy and sneaky to get whatever they want.
- to demonstrate how pigs are similar to the human rulers of our world.
- to show that pigs are immoral creatures like humans.
- to show that humans can be in control even when they are not the biggest or strongest.
- to demonstrate the human weakness of avarice.
- to show that even humans that might be underestimated can become powerful and ruthless.

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George Orwell uses pigs in the novella, *Animal Farm*, in order to demonstrate the human weakness of avarice. Orwell used all of the animals on Manor Farm to show certain human tendencies and characteristics. He used pigs as the leaders because pigs are greedy creatures who spend their days sleeping, eating, and rolling in mud. When we think of real pigs on a real farm, "hard work" is not normally the first trait that comes to mind. On the contrary, pigs seem lazy and self-indulgent. The pigs of Manor Farm share these characteristics. For example, the pigs often treated themselves to pleasures that they denied to the other animals: "There, round the long table, sat half a dozen farmers and half a dozen of the more eminent pigs, Napoleon himself occupying the seat of honor..." (Orwell 134). The pigs didn't need these luxuries; they just wanted these luxuries. The other animals often went without a warm place to sleep or good food to eat, but the pigs never had to sacrifice their own comfort. The pigs just took whatever they wanted, and the non-pigs paid the price. Sadly, many humans operate by the same selfish and greedy principles. This is why Orwell uses pigs in place of humans in *Animal Farm*. Humans have an avaricious nature that comes to the surface when they rise to power.

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